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Sir:

The priority date of "06 May 1998" was erroneously omitted on the communication entitled "Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office" dated 15 December 2000 as noted on the enclosed copy.

The subject application was filed as a National stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP99/03038, filed 03 May 1999 which claims priority of Application No. GB 9809683.7, filed 06 May 1998. The priority date is clearly identified on the first page of the International application as published which accompanied the "National Stage Application Transmittal Letter" when submitted with the US Receiving Office on November 6, 2000 by the attorney for the applicant, copy also enclosed. Thus, the subject application is entitled to claim the priority date of "06 May 1998".

Accordingly, applicant requests the priority date of "06 May 1998" be made of record in the subject application.

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(57) Abstract

The invention provides BASB019 polypeptides and polynucleotides encoding BASB019 polypeptides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques. Also provided are diagnostic, prophylactic and therapeutic uses.

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